

Weekly Status & Information Report
February 25 – March 1, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of March 4, 2013:

- City Council meeting, Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Joint Public Hearing with Montgomery County on the Proposed Extension of the Long Branch Takoma Park Enterprise Zone, Monday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Ethics Commission meeting, Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Police Employees' Retirement Plan Committee meeting, Thursday, March 7, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room

Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

2. Bring your Kids and Meet an Astronaut!: Saturday, March 2 is Space Day in Takoma Park and we are excited to announce that two-time space shuttle astronaut Leland Melvin will be at the Takoma Park Community Center from noon to 2:00 pm! He and his team from NASA will be here promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and careers. This event is free and open to the public. Do you have the Right Stuff?

3. WSSC Working in the City: WSSC has notified the City that water main replacement work will take place beginning the week of March 4 on Prince George's Avenue (between Elm Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue), Conway Avenue, Belford Drive, Belford Place, and the 400 block of Circle Avenue. The work will include replacement of the water main in the street. WSSC will provide notices to each house in the affected area. Once the water main is replaced, WSSC will reconnect each house line to the new main, which will require temporary turn-off of the water. The work is being done by WSSC staff directly. The WSSC point of contact is Brandon Stewart at 301-642-1712. (Public Works)

4. Notice of Street Repairs: Street resurfacing is scheduled for 13th Place, 14th Avenue and Trescott Avenue beginning in March. The project will begin with repairs to concrete curb, gutters and driveway aprons. This will be followed by the milling and paving of the street surface. Each house on the affected street will receive a flyer prior to the start of the project. Contact the City Engineer with any questions at 301-891-7620 or AliK@takomagov.org. (Public Works)

5. Bedtime Stories: This Monday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m., we'll offer our monthly "Bedtime Stories" program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. No registration is necessary for this program, and kids – and parents! – are invited to wear their PJ's and bring a favorite blanket or stuffed toy. (Library)

6. Public Hearing for Proposed Extension of the Long Branch/Takoma Park Enterprise Zone: Monday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. Azalea Room, Takoma Park Community Center at 7500 Maple Avenue. An Enterprise Zone is a designated area that receives focused state and local resources to encourage economic growth and development. For additional information, call Greg Baker at 301-622-2400, Ext. 15. To sign up to testify, call 301-891-7205 or email: rosalindg@takomagov.org. Meeting rooms are accessible to persons with disabilities. (Housing and Community Development)

7. Ulysses: Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room. Coilin Owens, Professor Emeritus of English Literature at George Mason University, will speak on James Joyce and his novel "Ulysses." This will introduce a series of discussions that continues on March 19 and other dates to be announced. All are invited to attend the Friends Reading Group discussions. (Library)

8. Teen Charm School: Join us on Wednesdays, from March 6 to April 24, from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 pm for Takoma Park Recreation Department's first Teen Charm School. Classes include: Positive Life Skills, Grooming and Style, Respect & Manners, Conversation Skills and Public Speaking, Dating with Dignity, just to name a few, AND we'll end the session with a semi-formal dinner at a fancy restaurant! Charm School is for both males and females so sign up your son, daughter, niece, nephew, or grandchild today! Space is limited. For more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at LeiciaM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. Sign up now! (Recreation)

9. Gallery Opening - Friday, March 8: The beauty of math gets an opportunity to shine this month in a unique exhibit in the galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center. From Leonardo da Vinci to MC Escher, and all the way back to the ancient Egyptians, art and math have long been intertwined. Included in the exhibit are paintings, prints, sculptures, kaleidoscopes, traditional crafts and jewelry, made by artists, scientists and teachers—12 in all! Opening reception and gallery talk on Friday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Free admission! <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events>. (Housing and Community Development)

10. Caldecott Club: Our next meeting of the Caldecott Birthday Club will take place on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. This month we'll be reading Caldecott Medal and Caldecott Honor books from the 1990's, including: "Officer Buckle & Gloria;" "Tuesday;" "More, More, More, Said the Baby," and others. No registration required for this program, which is great for kids and adults. Best of all, we'll also have lemonade and cookies to make this a truly festive event. (Library)

11. Summer Camp - Registration begins March 15: Registration for Summer Camp 2013 will begin on Friday, March 15. Parents will have the opportunity to register their child in their favorite camp. The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers a wide range of camps that caters to all interests. To view all of our Summer Camp offerings, please visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. (Recreation)

12. **Pluto's Secret:** Mark your calendars for a special program on Saturday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m., featuring the authors and illustrator of "Pluto's Secret," a new non-fiction picture book about the former planet. Authors Margaret Weitekamp and David DeVorkin will talk about how they came to write about Pluto, while illustrator Diane Kidd will show sketches and other artwork from the book, which is aimed at ages 5-10. Our event is co-sponsored with Politics & Prose Bookstore, and P&P staffers will be on hand to sell copies of the book to anyone who wants to buy one. But no purchase is necessary to attend this free program. (Library)

13. **Teen Spring Break Camp:** Hey, teens, school's out for spring break (March 25-March 29), so what are you going to do with all of this valuable spare time? Ever wonder what type of profession will fit your future? During Career Week, we've invited a few professionals to stop by to guide participants in exploring some of today's hottest careers. Participants will receive insider advice on the knowledge and skills needed for success. Spend the mornings with our career introductions and the afternoons attending our break away trips like bowling, laser tag, and roller skating. The program will end with a bang as we attend Toby's Dinner Theatre on Friday evening in Baltimore to see The Wiz. Limited spaces are available. We will leave the Takoma Park Community Center at 4:00 p.m. and return at approximately midnight (show starts at 8:00 p.m.). Open to teens ages 13-17. Ticket cost is \$20 for Takoma Park residents; \$40 for non-Takoma Park residents. With this great price, we are sure spaces will fill up fast! For more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at LeiciaM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. Sign up now! (Recreation)

14. **Spring Break Camp:** Parents, there are only a few spaces remaining for the 2013 Spring Break Camp. Register today! Camp is March 25 - 29, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is for ages 5 - 12 yrs. \$140 for Residents and \$160 for non-residents. Before & Aftercare is available for an additional fee. For more information, please call the Recreation Department at (301)891-7290. (Recreation)

15. **Teen Black College Expo:** Decisions, decisions! Who has the best academics? Who has the best athletics? Should I stay on campus? How far is comfortable enough for me to travel? Jump on board as we visit the Black College Expo at Bowie State University. Teens ages 13-17 can join us on Saturday, March 30. The van leaves the Takoma Park Community Center at 9:00 a.m. Permission slips are needed in advance. Free for TP residents/\$10 non-TP residents. Sign up now! (Recreation)

16. **Save the Date - Celebrate Takoma Festival - May 19, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.:** The Recreation Department, along with some dedicated volunteers, will be hosting the first ever Celebrate Takoma Festival. We will spend the afternoon celebrating the cultural diversity of the city with food, merchandise, and community vendors as well as entertainment and games from around the world. If you are interested in vending, performing or would like to showcase a game passed down from generation to generation and are local to Takoma Park, please email celebratetakoma@takomagov.org or call 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

17. **Get Fit for the Summer with Jazzercise:** Jazzercise is offered at Takoma Park Recreation Center on Monday & Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. This is a class that combines the art of Jazz with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-70 minute class includes easy to follow fun aerobic-dance routines, weights for muscle strength and stretching exercises all to the beat of great music. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (Recreation)

18. **Flag Football League:** Registration has begun for our new Flag Football League and we are nearly at 50% enrollment in the league. Flyers have been distributed and announcements have been made leading up to this season. We have also enlisted volunteer coaches and referees for the league. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach or participating in the league, please contact Bradley Williams at BradleyW@takomagov.org or (301)891-7282. Practice will begin in April. (Recreation)

19. **SAT Preparation Class:** Is your teenager worried about taking the SAT's? Are you concerned that your child may not master the writing portion? Well have no fear, the Teen SAT Prep class is here! With the assistance of a certified special education teacher/published writer, your teen will be on the right track. This SAT Prep Class will cover the Critical Reading and Writing Sections. So grab a pen and notebook and come on out. Class begins April 1, 2013. The cost is free but registration is necessary. For more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at LeiciaM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. Sign up now! (Recreation)

20. **Vacancy Announcement:** The Takoma Park Library has a vacancy for a part time Librarian with experience in providing services to children and teens. Check the "jobs" link on the City web site. (Library)

21. **Home Owner and Renter 2013 Tax Credit Applications Are Available:** The State of Maryland's Tax Credit Programs are designed to help low income homeowners and renters by limiting the amount you must pay in property taxes. Homeowner and Renter Tax Credit applications must be filed before September 1, 2013 for the 2012 tax year. To receive the Tax Credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Eligibility is based on household income. To obtain further information and an application, you can access the application on the State's website, <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html> or call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 (Housing and Community Development)

22. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (February 22-28, 2013) may be viewed online at http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_28.html. (Police)

23. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 83 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, three Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic, three warrant service arrests from traffic and one vehicle impound.

During February 22-27, 2013, the following details were completed:

February 22, 2013

- Takoma Avenue & Fenton Street (nighttime intersection observation) – conducted a three hour detail and issued 13 warnings.

February 23, 2013

- Takoma Avenue & Fenton Street (nighttime intersection observation) – conducted a two hour detail and issued four warnings.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

February 26, 2013

- Elm Avenue & Westmoreland Avenue (stop sign) - – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (traffic circle) - – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign) - – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

February 27, 2013

- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign) - – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Hilltop Road & Maple Avenue (do not enter sign) - – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four warnings.
- Hilltop Road & Geneva Avenue (stop sign) - – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Philadelphia Avenue & Holly Avenue (stop sign) - – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three warnings.
- Carroll Avenue & East West Highway (traffic control device) - – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three warnings.

(Police)

24. Traffic Officer Stats (PFC Walter Smith):

Week of February 25-28

State citations: 13

Calls for service: 12

Reports: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 7

Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 3

Warnings: 9

Foot Patrol: 1 hour

Court: 1 hour

Training: 6 hours

(Police)